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Sir:

Further to our Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed March 9, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 15, 19, 21-22, 26-28, and 30-48.

Please add new claims 49-77 as follows:

--49. A method for measuring the amount of one of two types of thyroglobulin in a fluid sample originating from a living body, the steps comprising:

(a) adding an anti-thyroglobulin antibody to the fluid sample, said anti-thyroglobulin antibody being capable of binding to a first type of thyroglobulin having a first sugar chain with